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APPLICANT: Jerome Pierrard et al.

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: EXAMINER:

FOR: "Industrial Method for Producing  
Heterologous Proteins in E. Coli  
And Strains Useful For Said Method" :  
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 12, line 21, please replace "[lacuna]" with - -acid- -.

At page 17, line 3, please replace "reoresents" with - -represents- -.

At page 18, line 19, please replace "conting" with - -counting- -.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and please add new claims 21-

44 as follows:

- -21. An industrial process for preparing a heterologous protein, comprising:

D/Sel C/ (1) introducing a suitable system for expressing heterologous proteins into an *E. coli* bacteria strain W host cell; and